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1. REGARDING DEMARCHES TO AFRICAN CAPITALS, OUR INITIAL
INFORMATION WAS TO HOLD OFF, PENDING ACTION BY THE DG
AND BOSSIER TO TONE DOWN ARABS AND COME TO AGREEMENT ON A
JOINT AFRICAN-ARAB TEXT ON BOTH OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
JERUSALEM. CONVERSATION WITH BOSSIER INDICATES THAT PRESENT
TEXT OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BEST AFRICANS CAN GET AND THEY
EXPECT TO HAVE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME MODERATING
JERUSALEM RESOLUTION. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BOSSIER
AND DIEN, DEPT PERM REP SENEGAL, SAID THAT THEY WOULD
WELCOME ANY DEMARCHES MADE BY THE US ON BOTH MATTERS, BUT
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PARTICULARLY ON JERUSALEM. THEY CONSIDER THE

OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TEXT AS THE ABSOLUTE MOST MODERATE THEY CAN PRODUCE, BUT STILL SEE SOME LEVERAGE ON JERUSALEM. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD SEE NO PROBLEM IN THE US GOING TO ALL AFRICAN CAPITALS WITH WHICH WE HAVE RELATIONS AND MAKING OUR POSITION CLEAR ON BOTH ISSUES. THEY ALSO RECOMMEND GOING TO AS MANY ARAB CAPITALS AS PRACTICAL. THEY WOULD NOT MENTION SPECIFIC ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE NEED TO AVOID ANY EXCLUSIONARY ACTION. OUR POSITION AGAINST ANY KIND OF SANCTIONS SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED AND WE SHOULD STRESS THAT THIS WILL MAKE IT HARDER FOR US IN WORKING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH UNESCO. WE SHOULD STRESS THAT THE REGIONAL ISSUE IS NOT ISOLATED FROM THE OTHER TWO BUT IS PART OF THE WHOLE PROBLEM OF US-UNESCO RELATIONS. WE SHOULD STRESS OUR POSITIVE DESIRE TO HELP M'BOW AND HIS AIDS AND TO RECOGNIZE THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT AFRICAN STATES HAVE WITH UNESCO. WE SHOULD PHRASE OUR DEMARCHE IN TERMS WHICH SHOW A CONTINUING US INTEREST IN UNESCO, A POSITIVE WISH TO CONTINUE FULLY AND A DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL IN AN AREA PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO AFRICANS.

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